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SUBJECT: UNESCO 19TC: GUYANA'S POSITION AT NAIROBI'S GC

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1. AS UDEL HAD NOT REGISTERED INDIVIDUAL GUYANA VOTES ON ITEMS PRE REFTEL, DELOFF APPPROACHED GUYANA REP DIRECTLY TO DISCUSS THESE MATTERS.

2. GUYANA REP SAID HIS DEL HAD RECEIVED SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS TO MAINTAIN LOW PROFILE AND NOT TO TAKE ACTIVE ROLE IN POLITICAL ISSUES SUCH AS ISRAELI ITEMS AND THE MASS MEDIA ISSUES WHENEVER THEY CAME TO A VOTE. ON INSTRUCTIONS, DEL DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY DEBATE THESE ITEMS, AND ABSTAINED ON OCCUPIED TERRITIRIES, JERUSALEM, AND MASS MEDIA ISSUES WHENEVER THEY CAME TO A VOTE. INSTRUCTIONS FURTHERMORE STRESSED THAT DEL EXPEND ITS ENERGY WORKING FOR SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAMS IN WHICH GUYANA INTERESTED IN FIELDS OF CULTURE AND EDUCATION, AND THIS PRECISELY WHAT DEL ENPHASIZED IN ITS WORK.

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3. AS GUYANA REP WAS FRIENDLY AND ESPECIALLY FORTHCOMING, CONVERSATION TURNED TO US-GUYANA RELATIONS WHICH REP REGRETTED HAD BEEN DETERIORATING OVER PAST YEARS AND HAD RECENTLY TAKEN WHARP TURN FOR WORSE OWING TO RECENT AIRPLANE CRASH IN WHICH 10 GUYANESE WERE KILLED. HE SAID THAT GUYANA'S PRIME MINISTER WOULD DELIVER MAJOR POLICY SPEECH ON DECEMBER 14 IN WHICH HE FELT CERTAIN WOULD ADDRESS QUESTION OF GUYANA'S RELATIONS WITH US. WITHOUT SAYING SO EXPLICITLY, REP IMPLIED THAT IMPACT OF AIRPLANE CRASH (FOR WHICH IT SEEMS CERTAIN SEGMENTS GUYANESE OPINION FEEL US RESPONSIBLE) AND FRUSTRATION WITH US POLICY IN GENERAL MIGHT LEAD TO EVER MORE SERIOUS CRISIS IN US-GUYANESE RELATIONS WHICH MAY WELL BE SPELLED OUT IN PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH.

4. IN PARTICULAR, REP NOTED PERSONAL VIEWS CONCERNING SEVERAL US POLICY ACTIONS AND ATTITUDES WHICH HE SAID HAVE HELPED TO SOUR AND DAMAGE GUYANA'S RELATIONS WITH US, AND WITH THIRD WORLD IN GENERAL. ONE OF THESE WAS EXCESSIVE "ARM-TWISTING" IN FORM OF DEMARCHES ON ISSUES SUCH AS ISRAELI ITEMS BEFORE CONFERENCE (HE WAS WELL AWARE THAT SUCH DEMARCHES HAD BEEN MADE TO GUYANESE GOVT, AND QUICKLY PUT TOGETHER THESE AND USDEL CONVERSATION WITH HIM). GUYANA DEL SAID THESE DEMARCHES OFTEM MAKE IT ESPECIALLY DIFFICULT FOR GOVTS TO DEAL WITH SPECIFIC ISSUES SINCE THEY ARE DISCUSSED IN THE CABINET, AND MEMBERS, ESPECIALLY MORE RADICALLY ORIENTED, TAKE EXTREME OFFENSE AT WHAT IS OFTEN INTERPRETED AS INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. DEMARCHES THEREFORE UNDERCUT POSITIONS OF MORE MODERATE OFFICIALS WHO COULD NOT AFFORD TO EXPOSE THEMSELVES BY SPEAKING OUT AGAINST MORE "NATIONALISTIC" OR RADICAL OFFICIALS. HE WENT ON THAT IF OTHER LDC'S FIND OUT THAT ONE'S GOVT HAS RESPONDED TO SUCH DEMARCHES, THAT IT IS OFTN HELD UP TO RIDUCULE AND MAY EVEN SUFFER SANCTIONS OF SOME SORT OR ANOTHER ITSELF. A MUCH MORE ACCEPTABLE MODUS OPERANDI, HE CONCLUDED, WOULD BE TO APPROACH DELEGATES ASSIGNED TO A PARTICULAR CONFERENCE AND TO DEAL WITH THEM DIRECTLY.

5. GUYANA REP ALSO SIGNED CONCERN WITH USDEL APPROACH IN NAIROBI BY NOTING THAT AFTER GUYANA HAD VOTED IN UN FOR RES 3379 THAT A US AID PROGRAM HAD BEEN CURTLY TER-CONFIDENTIAL

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MINATED. ON THIS ACCOUNT, HE URGED THAT US SHOULD TRY TO INCREASE ITS FOREIGN POLICY SOPHISTICATION BY TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A NATION'S PUBLIC STANCES AND ITS TRUE POLICY AND GENUINE INCLINATIONS. HE NOTED THAT WHEN A LITTLE STATE SUCH AS GUYANA IS BLUDGEONED BY US WITH TERMINATION OF AID PROGRAM OVER ITAM WHICH ALMOST ALL LDC'S WOULD CONSIDER OF PERIPHERAL INTEREST TO US, IT IS NO WONDER THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN THESE COUNTRIES AND

US SUFFER IN PROCESS.

6. USDEL WAS IMPRESSED BY GUYANA REP'S WARM, COOPERA-
TIVE AND FORTHRIGHT MANNER IN DISCUSSING PROBLEM OF U-
GUYANA RELATIONS, AND ESPECIALLY WHAT HE IMPARTED AS SENSE
OF URGENCY FOR MENDING RELATIONS BEFORE GAP GECOMES UNBRIDGE-
ABLE. IF OTHER GUYANESE DIPLOMATS ARE AS SEEMINGLY CONCERNED
AND HARBOR MEASURE OF GOOD WILL AS THIS ONE, WE COULD HOPE
THAT MUTUAL PROBLEMS COULD BE WORKED OUT SUCCESSFULLY.
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